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INSIDE OR OUT?

THE question now being settled by the Junior Committee—whether to hold the third 1918 dinner at the Caf or elsewhere—has been decided for other classes according to the best interests of the majority concerned. This has made it more or less of a tradition to hold class dinners, excepting for Seniors, in the old Union. Two purposes were served by this arrangement: it gave the affair a definite Institute spirit and environment, and the Union prices put attendance within everybody's reach.

The same arguments which formerly dictated the choice of the Union for underclass dinners now speak in favor of the Caf. Undoubtedly it is best to hold such meetings where the Technology environment is most manifest, and where the low price per plate makes for a democratic and inclusive dinner.

COURSE XVI?

INDICATIONS point to the installation of a new course in Military Engineering at the Institute—if the War Department board of inquiry finds that it is feasible to an attempt to incorporate such an addition with the present courses of study. The work of the board is concerned primarily with a determination of what regular studies may be included as part of the five hours a week prescribed in the regulations of the R. O. T. C., but the character of this work leads further into the field of Technology's adaptability to the teaching of army engineering practice. Looking into the distant future it may occur to some that M. I. T. may one day be a rival of West Point.

The attentive attitude of the crowds of men who are evincing so much interest in the posted findings of the student preparedness committee speaks volumes in praise of the accomplishment of the committee.

The subscription campaign for the Junior Prom has been phenomenally rapid and successful. It is now a judicious time to give those who are hesitating a warning as to just how many more may be accommodated. The increasing popularity of this Junior Week event and the ease with which the necessary support is obtained make it more than ever imperative that the two upper classes be given the preference.

Odd lot pieces of humanity, who represent themselves as being "down in luck," mult many a kind-hearted student during the course of a term. Notice has been received of an imposter who has put in a reappearance from last year. The method of this parasite is to approach men (with whom he has gained acquaintance through the medium of the catalogue) and to more or less successfully collect "railroad fare." We also have the case of the salesman who is selling "smuggled" cigars or cloth. Students who tolerate representatives from this class of individual should take the tales of woe or solicitation with a grain of salt.

The vote for Senior Class Day Committee was not as large as it should have been. The payment of class dues and the performance of duty as voters is apparently not a virtue of a majority of the present fourth year men. And Course XV in no wise suffers a lack of representatives!



While 'The Lounger's' respected editorial contemporary strives for the unification of a recalcitrant "student body," and presuming anonymites rend an inflamed "athletic situation" limb from limb, The Lounger can but smile from the smoke-ridden recess of his cogitations, thinking of the persistence of customary phenomena which have accompanied all class events within his memory. Even now he looks on the rapid and thrilling development of one of the most pervasive and fervent of these tumultuary opportunities, namely the Class Day Criterion. Past aggregations of Seniors have found it good to stage a sort of "Custer's Last Fight" over the dead body of the minority's Class Day hopes; the balloting gave the signal for the rise of armed and gestulatory writers whose communications charred the sheets upon which they were written. The dumb became vocal, the empty fountain pen acquired a head of ink, and the slacker—sometimes—paid his class dues and joined in the tussle.

Possibly—The Lounger pretends no conclusive knowledge on the subject—the experience of these events has made our present elders a trifle timorous,



though nothing in the past behavior of the Class in question ever gave The Lounger that impression. Whatever the cause, the aspirants for the magic B. S. appear to harbor a curious desire to avoid conflict in the matter of anything so brutal as a vote; the candidates for honorary office in the last undergraduate ceremony have divided preference by the gentlest and most unexceptionable of electorates. It might almost be feared that the salutary conflict, made obligatory by tradition, would lapse this year due to lack of cause. Nevertheless there is one circumstance which makes The Lounger confident of a fight up to his highest expectations; rarely has he seen so fine a crop of dragons' teeth as the present election gives for seed, in the question of "who's who and who isn't" in eligibility. Those in charge of the voting, fearing the lack of interest in politics characteristic of a naturally unpartisan and unified Class, evidently seized upon the measure of deferring the question of eligibility until after the election, thus obtaining that optimum of uncertainty and dramatic intensity which a recent Presidential election makes henceforth legitimate. In advance The Lounger extends his thanks to the Committee who, by their opportune inaction, saved the crowning event of their Institute life from the dulness of a determinate outcome.



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